IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA FLORENCE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) CRIMINAL NO.: 4:15-CR-00265-BHH
V.)
JOSHUA DORAL WILLIAMS)
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PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE AS TO JOSHUA DORAL WILLIAMS

This matter is before the court on the motion of the United States for a Preliminary Order of Forfeiture as to Defendant Joshua Doral Williams," "Defendant"), based upon the following:

- 1. On April 28, 2015 a multi-count Indictment was filed charging Williams with drug trafficking, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) and federal firearm offenses, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1) and 924(c)(1)(A).
- 2. Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(a), the Indictment contained a forfeiture allegation providing that upon Williams's conviction, certain properties enumerated therein, or equivalent substitute assets, would be subject to forfeiture to the United States. As specified therein, such assets include, but are not limited to the following:

A. <u>Firearms and Ammunition:</u>

- Beretta Model PX4, .40 caliber pistol Serial No. PY23509 Asset ID: 14-ATF-025505
- Rossi Model M877, .357 caliber revolver Serial No. F353059 Asset ID: 15-ATF-026019

- 3. 14 rounds of assorted .40 ammunition Asset ID: 14-ATF-025506
- 4. 6 rounds of CBC .357 ammunition Asset ID: 15-ATF-026020
- 3. On October 20, 2015, Williams pled guilty to Counts 5 and 6 of the Indictment, which charges drug trafficking, in violation of 21 U.S.C.§ 841 (a)(1) and a federal firearm offense, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 924.
- 4. Based upon Defendant's conviction, the court has determined that the property described above is subject to forfeiture, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d), 21 U.S.C. §§ 853(a), 881 (a) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c).
- 5. The court has determined that the government has established the requisite nexus between the said property subject to forfeiture and the offense for which Williams has been convicted; therefore, the United States is entitled to a preliminary order of forfeiture, subject to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853 governing third party rights.

Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED**,

- 1. The following property is hereby forfeited to the United States of America, along with all right, title, and interest of the Defendant, Joshua Doral Williams, in and to such property:
 - A. <u>Firearms and Ammunition:</u>
 - Beretta Model PX4, .40 caliber pistol Serial No. PY23509 Asset ID: 14-ATF-025505
 - 2. Rossi Model M877, .357 caliber revolver Serial No. F353059 Asset ID: 15-ATF-026019

- 3. 14 rounds of assorted .40 ammunition Asset ID: 14-ATF-025506
- 4. 6 rounds of CBC .357 ammunition Asset ID: 15-ATF-026020
- 2. Upon entry of the criminal judgment, this order becomes final as to Williams, and shall be made a part of his sentence and included in the criminal judgment.
- 3. The United States shall publish notice of this Order and its intent to dispose of the property in such manner as the Attorney General may direct. The United States may also, to the extent practicable, provide written notice to any person known to have an alleged interest in the said property.
- 4. Upon entry of this Order, the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms or their designee is authorized to seize the above-described forfeited property as directed by the United States Attorney's Office and to commence proceedings that comply with statutes governing third party rights.
- 5. Any person, other than the named Defendant, asserting a legal interest in the subject property may, within thirty days of the final publication of notice or receipt of notice, whichever is earlier, petition the court for a hearing without a jury to adjudicate the validity of his alleged interest in the subject property and for an amendment of the order of forfeiture, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(6) and Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(c).
- 6. Any petition filed by a third party asserting an interest in the abovedescribed property shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title, or interest in the subject

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property, the time and circumstances of the petitioner's acquisition of the right, title or

interest in such property, and additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim and the

relief sought.

7. After the disposition of any motion filed under Fed. R. Crim. P.

32.2(c)(1)(A) and before a hearing on the petition, discovery may be conducted in

accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure upon a showing that such

discovery is necessary or desirable to resolve factual issues.

8. The United States shall have clear title to the property following the court's

determination of all third party interests, or, if no petitions are filed, following the

expiration of the period provided in 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(2) for the filing of third party

petitions.

9. The court shall retain jurisdiction to resolve disputes which may arise and

to enforce and amend this Order as necessary, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(e).

10. The Clerk, U.S. District Court, shall provide one (1) certified copy of this

Order to the United States Attorney's Office.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Bruce Howe Hendricks
BRUCE HOWE HENDRICKS

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

November 27, 2015 Florence, South Carolina